due to nefarious activities of traders and mill owners;

(c) whether Government have conducted any raids at the Godowns and premises of traders and mill owners in the capital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) While inaugurating the 11th Rabi Oilseeds Crop seminar jointly organised by the Central Organisation of Oil Industry and Trade and U.P. Oil Millers' Association at Agra, the Union Minister for Food and Civil Supplies warned the hoarders and speculators against creation of artificial prices rise in vanaspati and edible oils.

There has been rise in prices of vaanspati and other oils in recent months.

(c) and (d) Government has conducted raids at the godowns and premises of traders and mill owners in the capital during January, 90 to March, 90. The details are as under:—

| Month | January 90 | February 90 | March 90 |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. of raids | 87 | 27 | 9 |
| No. of persons arrested | 2 | 1 | Nil |
| No. of persons convicted. | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Value of goods confiscated. | 0.29 lakhs | | .. |

**Increase in Rates of Agricultural Wages**

262. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study undertaken by the PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry has revealed that though there has been wide variation in wages in agriculture, the rate of increase has been significantly high in all the States;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to keep a control on the rate of increase in agricultural wages throughout the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Linking of Bulandshar with Major Headquarters by Train**

263. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bulandshar district Headquarters of Uttar Pradesh is neither linked to Delhi nor to Lucknow by main Railway line nor any train runs to the two capitals through it;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link this city with Delhi/Lucknow and other major headquarters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Bulandsahar is connected to Delhi and Lucknow by main line *via* Khurja and Hapur res-